LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE SECRETARIAT.

Election of members to the Kolar Gold Fields Sanitary Board from the ratepayers of the Sanitary Board area.

READ—

Letter No. C. 427—21-22, dated 28th July 1924, from the President, Sanitary Board, Kolar Gold Fields, submitting draft rules for the election of non-official gentlemen to the Kolar Gold Fields Sanitary Board under sub-clauses i and ii of clause (*b*) of Rule I under Section I of the rules relating to the constitution of the Sanitary Board, Kolar Gold Fields.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 16—25-26, dated 21st December 1925, requesting the approval of Government for the election franchise being conceded to the ratepayers of the Sanitary Board area.

No. L. 6867—L. B. 9-25-10, DATED 8TH MAY 1926.

The draft rules for regulating the elections to the Kolar Gold Fields Sanitary Board by the ratepayers are approved subject to the following modifications:—

Rule 1.—Omit "of candidates approved beforehand by Government" occurring in the last portion of Rule 1.

Rule 2.—Omit Rules 14 read "one year" for "three years" occurring in line 2 of Rule 14 of the draft rules.

A copy of the rules as revised is enclosed.

A separate Notification has been issued extending election franchise in respect of the non-official members constituting the Board.

B. NAGAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Local and Legislative Departments.

DRAFT RULES REGULATING ELECTIONS TO THE KOLAR GOLD FIELDS SANITARY BOARD BY THE RATEPAYERS.

The Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore are pleased to frame the following rules for the nomination of non-official gentlemen to the Kolar Gold Fields Sanitary Board, under sub-clauses i and ii of clause (*b*) of Rule I under Section I of the rules relating to the constitution of the Kolar Gold Fields Sanitary Board, published with Government Notification No. L. 7846, dated 2nd April 1924:—

1. The nomination of non-official members to the Sanitary Board from amongst the ratepayers of Robertsonpet and Andersonpet shall be by election.

2. The date and place of election will be duly published in the *Mysore Gazette* by the President of the Sanitary Board.

3. Persons intending to stand as candidates for such election should signify their intention in writing to the Vice-President of the Kolar Gold Fields Sanitary Board, at least 20 days before the date fixed for election specifying the constituency for which they wish to stand.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTERS.

4. The following qualifications are prescribed for voters in the said elections:—

(i) All persons who pay a mohatarfa tax of not less than Rs. 5 in the constituency or who occupy or are in possession of a house building or structure or of a portion of it in the constituency the rental value of which is Rs. 15 per mensem or more.

(ii) Graduates of an Indian University and Advocates and Pleaders enrolled as such in the Mysore State who reside in the constituency.

(iii) Registered land-holders living in the constituency whose holdings are assessed, (or in the case of alienated lands, would be assessed if they were not alienated) to land revenue at an amount not less than Rs. 2-8-0.

(iv) All persons who, living in the constituency, pay income-tax to the Mysore Government.

DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTERS.

5. The following persons are disqualified to be registered voters:—

(i) Persons of unsound mind or deaf-mutes;

(ii) Persons who have been convicted of any offence or subjected by a Criminal Court to any order implying a defect of character which in the opinion of the Deputy Commissioner of the District unfits them to be voters;

(iii) Persons who are not subjects of Mysore or of any other State in India or British subjects;

(iv) Persons who have not attained the age of 21 years in the year preceding that in which the electoral register is published.

(2) No person shall be qualified to vote at an election under these rules in any electoral area unless his name is entered in the electoral register of that area and he has resided therein for six months in the aggregate in the year preceding that in which the electoral register is published.

6. All persons qualified to vote as above shall be entitled to have their names entered in the electoral register which shall be prepared by the President of the Sanitary Board and kept open to public inspection in the office of the Sanitary Board at least six weeks prior to the date of election.

7. The qualifications for candidates shall be the same as those prescribed for voters, subject to the disqualifications mentioned in paragraph 6 of these rules.

8. At least seven days before the date fixed for election, the President of the Sanitary Board shall publish in the Office of the Sanitary Board, Champion Reef, a list of candidates whose candidature has been approved by Government.

9. The election shall be by ballot and shall be conducted by polling officers to be appointed by the President of the Sanitary Board. Non-official gentlemen may be appointed to help the polling officers in the elections.

10. After the voting is concluded the polling officers shall count the votes in the presence of such candidates as may be present and declare the results. The candidate obtaining the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. In the case of an equality of votes between two or more candidates the result shall be decided by drawing lots.

11. The names of the elected persons will be submitted to Government for publication in the Gazette.

12. An appeal will lie to the Deputy Commissioner in respect of any material irregularity in the conduct of elections and he may, after such inquiry as may be necessary pass such orders as he deems fit.

An appeal shall lie to Government against the order of the Deputy Commissioner, and their decision shall be final.

13. The term of members nominated as above shall be one year from the date of publication of the names in the Gazette.

REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Potgi Rules.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 3107-17—L. R. 224-25-3, dated the 19th December 1925, directing the revision of the Potgi Rules so as to define the items classed under "Gross Revenue" for the calculation of potgi payable to Patels and Shanbhogs.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. 116, dated the 26th March 1926, from the Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Settlements in Mysore, suggesting certain amendments to the Government Order read above, and also requesting the revision of the existing Potgi Form for the statement of collections.

ORDER No. R. 5644-55—L. R. 224-25-8, DATED 11TH MAY 1926.

The Survey Superintendent makes the following suggestions :—

(*a*) As in the Government Order read above, the words "Jodi and quit-rent in Inam villages and lands including Kayamgutta mentioned as item (*b*) of the items comprising the "Gross Revenue" are not very clear, the words "Jodi and quit-rent on Inam lands" as originally proposed by him may be retained ;

(*b*) "Coffee lands" as also lands cultivated with tea, cardamom, etc., must be specially included in these items of "Gross Revenue" as these lands are treated as "Kharab" in Survey accounts, and the amounts leviable are not therefore entered in the Survey accounts and that therefore a special mention of these lands is necessary, instead of merging them under assessment in items No. (*a*) in para 1 of the Government Order, dated 19th December 1925.

(*c*) The revised Potgi Form submitted by him may be approved in place of that given in the Revenue Survey Manual (Part III, page 121).

2. The Revenue Commissioner who was consulted in the matter agrees with the recommendations of the Survey Superintendent. In the circumstances, Government are pleased to approve of the Survey Superintendent's recommendations and direct that the Government Order read above be modified accordingly.

3. The revised Potgi Form, as approved by Government, is appended to this order.

4. The Superintendent, Government Printing, is requested to print the above Form and supply copies of the same on indent to the Superintendent, Revenue Survey.

B. SRINIVASIENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.